

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Ari Zytcer on September 8, 2010.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 2: A patch comprising a backing layer and an adhesive layer disposed on the backing layer, the adhesive layer consisting of:

Oxybutin and/or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof;

a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient selected from the group consisting of an organic acid, a skin permeation enhancer, an absorption enhancer, a plasticizer, a tackifier, an antioxidant, a filler, and a ultraviolet absorber;

1-5% by weight of a 2-ethylhexyl acrylate-vinyl acetate copolymer based on the total weight of the adhesive agent, the 2-ethylhexyl acrylate-vinyl acetate copolymer being substantially free of both carboxyl groups and hydroxyl groups in the molecule;
and

10-25% by weight of a styrene-isoprene-styrene block copolymer based on the total weight of the adhesive agent;

wherein the weight ratio of the 2-ethylhexyl acrylate-vinyl acetate copolymer to the styrene-isoprene-styrene block copolymer is from 1:4 to 1:19; and

10-60% by weight of an alicyclic saturated hydrocarbon resin-based tackifier, based on the total weight of the compounds contained in the adhesive layer.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to MELISSA S. MERCIER whose telephone number is (571)272-9039. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00am-4:30pm Mon through Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robert A. Wax can be reached on (571) 272-0623. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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